(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The funds allocated during the last three years for National Highways in Gujarat are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Plan work	37.38	43.22	66.29
Maintenance and repair	27.32	37.57	32.97

Impact of East-West Corridor on Railways Growth

2101. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent on the East-West Corridor in this current finanical year;

(b) the detials of money proposed to be spent during 2000-2001 on this project; and

(c) whether this project hampers railways growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) An amount of Rs. 26 crores has been spent till January, 2000 during the current financial year.

(b) Budget provision for the year 2000-2001 is Rs. 175 crores for project on East-West corridor.

(c) No, Sir.

Private Ports Operating in the Country

2102. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private ports which have come up and opened, in the country;

(b) the number of ports which are in pipe line; and